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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: B. Menberu
MINAKO KATO	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/656,103	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 7041
Filed: September 8, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD	)	March 19, 2009
AND IMAGE OUTPUT SYSTEM	:	

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Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated December 19, 2008, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: